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The Honorable Kent A. Jordan
U.S. District Court of Delaware
844 N. King Street
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Wilmington, DE 19801

**Re: United States v. Lionel Bell
Criminal Action No. 06-69-KAJ**

Dear Judge Jordan:

This letter confirms my telephone conversation earlier on this date with your secretary concerning the status of the above-entitled matter.

Mr. Bell and I met yesterday for two hours. At the conclusion of our meeting he told me that he no longer contests the factual allegations of the Government's case against him. As a consequence, he is prepared to enter a plea of guilty to the one-count indictment, and begin instead the presentence process.

As I told your secretary, we do not yet have a plea agreement, because of a legitimate dispute over the applicable sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 924, but we may reach one soon. My understanding is that Mr. Bell will be in Court for the pretrial conference at **12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2006**, and I expect he will enter his change-of-plea at that time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

James A. Natalie, Jr.

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cc: Lionel Bell
Ilana Eisenstein, Esquire
Clerk